



The American Legion, Post 22

April/Annual Membership Meeting - Minutes

May 18th, 2022 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.)

- Post and salute the colors
- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
- POW/MIA empty chair (Sergeant-at-Arms)
- Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
- Recite Preamble of Constitution of The American Legion
- Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10 members): 23

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (Van Delist) | X | | |
| b. 1 st Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal) | X | | |
| c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry) | X | | |
| d. Adjutant (D. Harris) | X | | |
| e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez) | X | | |
| f. Chaplain (B. Jeffery) | | X | X |
| g. Historian (N. Dupont) | | X | |
| h. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch) | X | | |

- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
 - o New members: None
 - o Guests: Denny Brendan (Alt NEC/running for NEC).
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (P. Rodriguez): All **as of**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$ (checks written for Nat CC Dinner for guests=\$75; \$59.72 written to reimburse for microphone cable and toner cartridges for printer to D. Harris)
 - Benevolence: \$ (\$500 Deposit from Business acct; \$550 Deposit from Kyle Skjoldal winnings during last meeting; \$228 to reimburse for SDNG deployment events; \$300 to TAL Veterans & Youth Foundation for Nat CC visit)
 - Americanism: \$ (\$500 Deposit from Business Acct; \$570 Deposit from FIB to sponsor 2 Boys for Boys State; Debits for \$1,400 to SD Boys State to cover 7 boys tuition; \$700 to District 2 Treasurer for Boys State Bus; \$147 to Thomas Haar to help with travel to National Finals Speech and Debate-in addition to the

\$353 that was donated (total of \$500) by the members during the meeting; \$229.91 to reimburse D. Harris for the Pizza party during District 1 & 2 Boys/Girls State orientation on May 1st; \$75 to cover 5 Americanism guests during National CC dinner)

- SAL: \$
- Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (\$3,000 deposit from Business Acct).
- Scholarship Account: \$
- Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 583.**
 - Paid so far 552 = **95% of goal**
- AL Riders Report (Fleming)
 - Did a flag line for the 631st and 129th at the SDNG last week. Posted colors for Federation of the Blind, and a couple of funerals. Planning to take part in the Memorial Day events.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): None present.
- Americanism (D. Harris):
 - Boys State: Currently we have recruited 10 boys (1 was a RC Central HS, so we asked Post 320 to sponsor...they did), leaving us with 9 boys we are sending to Boys State. I just interviewed one today and have another to interview tomorrow and another on Friday. We will be sending 4 Post 22 members as staff this year. Boys State starts on the 30th of May and goes through the 3rd of June.
 - Youth Trooper Academy: We are sending one boy this year and helping to pay for a second from another Post = \$400.
 - School awards: Harris will be visiting the following schools over the next week to present certificates and medals: North, South, East, West, Southwest, RC Christian and STM Middle Schools; and RC Christian High School. He also presented ROTC certificates and ribbons to RC Central HS Jr. ROTC students last week.
 - Commander Van Delist said we need a volunteer to be the new Americanism Officer. They will head up a team of multiple individuals to insure we cover all aspects of our extensive Americanism efforts (Baseball, Boys State, YTA, Oratorical, Scouting, and School medals). We are probably one of the most active Posts in SD in terms of Americanism programs.
- Athletic Officer (Tolsma):
 - We are 3 weeks into the season. 139 scheduled home games this year. We are sponsoring 4 teams within Post 22. Go out and see the new Stadium. We are hosting the State Tournament and the National Regional Contest.
- Post Honor Guard (R. Skjoldal):
 - This last Monday they did rifle training/cleaning. Tore them down, cleaned them, and found some that were Non-Mission capable.
 - Next mission is on Memorial Day at a couple of different cemeteries to include BHNC and Memorial Park in Rapid City.
 - Stated that the HG will start doing missions on Mondays at BHNC.
- Sick call, relief and employment (B. Jeffery):
 - Chaplain Bill Jeffery recently had surgery and is recovering.
 - EC member Tom Smith recently had surgery and is recovering.
 - Deaths: James A. Wilson and Robert R. Smith.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)

- Took phone calls from people requesting gas, etc.
- We are looking for more goodies to send to our Deployed troops. Wall meats beef Jerkey and the company that provided pretzels and other snacks are on board. There's another unit deploying in the near future and we will try to work with them as well.
- Unfinished Business
 - Facility Improvement projects update. (C. Van Delist)
 - Roof: The contractor wants to start next week. Black Hills Exteriors got the new contract and will likely start next week. They will be doing the entire roof (minus the part that was done summer of 2020), so both new and old buildings. We will have to take out a loan to pay this bill.
 - Stage: New carpet on the stage and tile on the front of the stage. Looking for volunteers to help with this project: 3 or 4. Several people came up after the meeting and asked for details.
 - Painting outside: We have accepted the bids and notified the contractors they can start. Still trying to get a start date from these folks. We need to do some prep work before it starts.
 - We will also be putting in a patio and some other concrete work.
 - Our new manager Jason Skala has been very busy reorganizing our storage spaces. He has also taken on several other projects at the Post to help clean/organize beer coolers, pull tab machines, etc.
 - He recently brought in our first Dart tournament, which was a big financial success.
 - He also joined the Post as a Sons Of The American Legion member (SAL) through his father.
 - We will be voting at the June meeting to see whom Post 22 wants to place their votes for NEC/Alt NEC/Department CC/Dept Vice CC for Districts 1&2; also voting to see which Resolutions we support.
 - Denny Brendan spoke to the members about his experience and desire to become our next NEC.
- New Business
 - Read the proposed Resolutions for the upcoming Department Convention in Watertown. One of the resolutions was originally submitted by Post 22 member Don Fuller, it was then reformatted and submitted to Department by Post 22. This resolution received a "Do Pass" recommendation by Department.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Christine Speirs: Poker Run by the DAV on June 4th, starting at 9 A.M. at Black Hills Harley Davidson. There will be a scavenger hunt, and a dinner. There's also a live and silent auction. Registration is \$20 and an extra poker hand is \$10.
 - If you need help filing claims, there will be a workshop on Saturday June 4th from 9 – 11 at DAV Chapter 3 in Rapid City, at 101 E. Madison Street.
 - Ed Manzano, talked about the Memorial Day Ceremony. 30 May 2022 at the Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park, Rapid City. Talked about the ceremony. Our Honor Guard will perform their duties. Our Americanism "Poster Boy" Thomas Haar will give a speech. 3 Volley salute, taps...about a 30 minute ceremony.
 - Cynthia Douglas talked about resolutions and the committee's that talk about and make resolutions to pass forward. If anyone's going, they need to be there for the committee meetings on that Friday, so they can observe the process and see how The American Legion is changed.

- Past Post 22 Commander Lyle Tolsma talked about his shortest meeting and how he needed to talk at this one to make sure it wasn't shorter than that. He was assisted in this endeavor by D. Harris, C. Douglas and a few others. He therefore still holds the record for the shortest meeting in the last 4+ years.
 - Member Henry Garcia announced that Rickey Jendry (2nd Vice CC) has made E-5. The members congratulated him.
 - Cynthia talked about the basic training course, and how all members, especially officers should take it.
- Adjournment at 6:43 P.M.